LifeSpring Round Table

20 January 2019

Present: Bev Logue, Tim Carpenter, Jenell Barnes, Jennifer Ruffalo, Amanda Bates, Rich Barnes, Robyn Lukens, Ericka Chilcoat, Wendy Carpenter, and Bruce Logue.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm. Wendy Carpenter offered the Invocation.

2. Bruce called for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 2018 Round Table. Rich made a motion to approve the minutes. Ericka seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

3. New officers of the corporation were nominated for 2019. The slate of proposed officers was: **Ericka Chilcoat – President; Jennifer Ruffalo – Vice President; Wendy Carpenter – Secretary; and Nancy Shade – Treasurer**. Bev made a motion to approve the slate. Jenell seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

4. Round Table dates and hosts for the remainder of 2019 were selected.

* April – Ericka Chilcoat
* August – Amanda Bates
* November/December – Jennifer Ruffalo

5. Rich Barnes presented the financials for 2018.

* LifeSpring contributions for 2018 were under budget - $18,553 versus $19,700 budgeted.
* Outside contributions were generally down for the year except for a year-ending support contribution of $5,000. The final figure was $ 7,482.89 versus $6,200 budgeted.
* Net income for the ear was $3,006.30
* Rich finished the presentation saying that it is important for LifeSpringers to give in a regular, dependable fashion. What we do as a community of faith depends directly on the generosity of LifeSpringers.
* Ericka asked for clarification on reimbursement policies in regard to the 5-Minute Break. As a general policy, reimbursements are handled by filling out a Purchase Order form (on the Members Only portion of our website), attaching receipts for the purchases, and submitting this to Nancy. Pertaining to food donated for the Break, LifeSpringers decided years ago that we could assist the budget by donating the snack foods for Break.
* At the conclusion of the meeting Rich presented the 2019 budget. He said that the annual budget was dropped to $18,000 due to the low contributions of 2018. Bev made a motion to accept the new budget. The motion was seconded by Amanda. It was unanimously accepted.

6. Amanda reported on the progress of our first-ever LifeSpring Retreat. She said that she would be presenting details shortly after she gathers more information. Goals for the retreat include: retreat location within 60 miles of Merced, the opportunity for LifeSpringers to spend uninterrupted time together, and the opportunity to gain some spiritual insight. Amanda said she is working on the 2019 schedule. She said that Judy Malone has indicated that she wants to remain in the socials committee with Amanda. Amanda is also open for ideas for future socials.

7. Bruce said that Monika and Jim Grasley will be having dinner with the Logues on 1/23. He will tell her about LifeSpring’s intense desire to help LifeLine out.

* Rich mentioned a Homeless workshop that Monika is conducting on February 6.
* Wendy asked if Monika accepted Christmas gifts year round or just at Christmas time.
* The group asked Bruce to find out what Monika needs, so that we can work on helping her with those matters.

8. Bev gave a progress report on her Sunday school class, saying that it was shrinking and talking about some of the challenges. Jennifer said that she thought that it was only fair to let Bev know ahead of time if children were going to be absent so that Bev could plan accordingly.

9. New Business:

* Bruce said that he hopes LifeSpring will concentrate on three things in 2019: Prayer, Invitation, and Generosity.
* Ericka said she would like to plan a short instruction on the matter of Communion for the sake of Sage and any other interested kids.
* Rich said that he hoped to schedule a Prayer Walk as one of the four Prayer Days in 2019.
* Wendy said that she was working on a “Blessing Bag” project. Her next gathering will be on February 16 in Atwater/Merced. There is a Facebook page devoted to this project for those who are interested.
* Wendy mentioned a group called Worship Encounter that might be a good way to find substitutes to stand in for Rich when he can’t lead worship.
* Jenell mentioned some of the problems we’ve been having with Audrey, the homeless woman. Bruce suggested that everyone watch out for her and make sure that she is not left in the Lobby alone.

10. The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm. Amanda led the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce W. Logue